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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

Copies of the three listed foreign documents are included with this filing.

For non-English language documents WO 94/13215 and JP 10-099342, in lieu of a statement of relevance, Applicants submit herewith English language abstracts.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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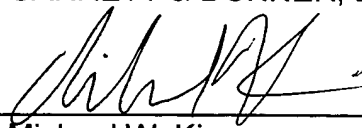
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Respectfully submitted,

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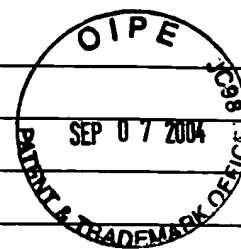
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		WO 94 13215	06/23/1994	WO			Abstract
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